

4. WHEREAS UniFirst received its first request for waiver of service of any short form complaint filed against it in this action on December 18, 2013 and, thus, under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, could not be required to answer, move to dismiss or otherwise respond to any of the short form complaints against it until Monday, February 17, 2013, at the earliest;

5. WHEREAS UniFirst still has not been served with or received requests for waiver of service for over 110 short form complaints filed in this MDL that raise claims against UniFirst;

6. WHEREAS the parties desire to establish a reasonable deadline by which UniFirst shall answer, move to dismiss, or otherwise respond to the allegations raised in the Master Complaint;

7. WHEREAS the Court already has extended the deadline for certain Unaffiliated Defendants to answer, move to dismiss or otherwise respond to allegations in the Master Complaint until April 10, 2014;

8. WHEREAS the other Unaffiliated Defendants were named as defendants in cases pending in this MDL long before UniFirst was so named;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, subject to approval and order of this Court, that UniFirst shall have until April 1, 2014 to answer, move to dismiss or otherwise file pleadings responsive to the allegations raised in the Master Complaint, provided that nothing in this stipulation precludes UniFirst from filing a subsequent motion to dismiss in any individual case pending in this MDL, at an appropriate time, on grounds that are specific either to the individual plaintiff(s) in that case or to the law governing that case.¹

¹ Should the Court postpone the deadline for other Unaffiliated Defendants to file responsive pleadings until after April 1, 2014, then UniFirst reserves the right to seek a similar extension of its own time to respond to the Master Complaint.

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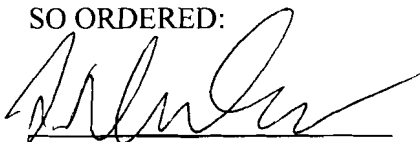
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SO ORDERED:



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